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National Guard as a Barnum and Bailey operation?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the sense of them...of it being handled by politicians contrary to the way a military operation should be, and I described the kind of things that constitute the Barnum and Bailey world;...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not that the Guard itself is that, but it's being handled. And the people who are members don't know from one minute to the next what their status is going to be, where they're going to be sent, and how long they'll be there. And to me, that's like a Barnum and Bailey world.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I only...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's insane.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...I only brought that up to make sure that you clarified the point that you don't mean Barnum...people who served in the military are Barnum and Bailey people, and I think you've made that clear.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, not at all.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So I understand. I just wanted to make sure the record was clear on that. The other thing that I wanted to discuss with you, Senator Chambers, and you talk about they'd have to be a captain or a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Major.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...major, and you seem to have some feeling about that, and I understand that. But at the same time, there are lots of position in the world...let me use an example. If you want to teach school, you have to get a degree, right? Which makes you one level above somebody that doesn't have a degree, according to our...the way our system works. Now would you agree?